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'Deliberate' and 'calculated'

Damning document. Ontario ombudsman says councillors had illegal meeting

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It was a long time coming, and it arrived with a bang and not just a whimper.

After a seven-month investigation, Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin came to town Tuesday to tell Londoners if their councillors broke the law by having a "secret" meeting.

Marin's conclusion was simple: They did.

But the accused council members see it differently. The accusations flew back and forth as the two sides tried to outdo each other.

First, the all-important report was to be released to the public at a special committee meeting at 3 p.m.

Then, Marin announced he would reveal his findings at a press conference at 1 p.m. So the city beat him to it and released the report at 11 a.m., amid a flurry of emails to media.

Regardless of who unveiled it, the document is damning. The key sentence is: "I conclude that an illegal closed meeting occurred on Feb. 23, 2013, in violation of the Municipal Act, 2001."

Marin alleged "deliberate and calculated attempts" by council members to hide their meeting, accusing the seven of telling conflicting stories.

"This case is a cautionary tale for municipal governments," said Marin, "underscoring the risks of so-called social gatherings that are really a shield for clandestine meetings to further city business away from public scrutiny."

That led to angry protests from the councillors involved.

During a city committee meeting Tuesday afternoon, some politicians made accusations that Marin had set out to reach the conclusion it was a secret gathering.

Coun. Joe Swan, who said Marin had "twisted" definitions in the law, said: "I have no reason to apologize for working for the people of Ward 3."

The ombudsman's leading critic, Coun. Stephen Orser, was visibly upset and said he had his "head held high" at Billy T's and did nothing wrong.

But was city business discussed?

The answer is yes, but how far it went is unclear.

The seven did talk about issues, including a $25,000 Trillium Foundation grant — which never went to council for debate — and interchanges on Highway 401.

The mayor warned them, however, not to talk about the city budget, which was agreed to five days later.

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Under fire

- At the controversial meeting on Feb. 23 at Billy T's Tap and Grill were: Mayor Joe Fontana and Couns. Bud Polhill, Joe Swan, Stephen Orser, Sandy White, Paul Van Meerbergen and Dale Henderson.
- Marin's report recommends that council, among other things, adopt a written policy to ensure members are educated on what the law says about open meetings.
- Other than making recommendations, Marin has no authority to dole out punishment for violations of the open-meetings law.

Time to reveal all: Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin talks Tuesday about his report into a controversial meeting involving six city councillors and the mayor. The 48-page report is titled In the Back Room. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Students having unsafe sex: Survey

Condoms, shown here as they're packed into local Frosh Week orientation kits, may be easily accessible, but aren't being used all that often on post-secondary campuses, a new study shows. METRO FILE

Virgins

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About one-quarter of university students (27% of males and 23% of females) have never had sex.

HIV

23%

Percentage of students who believe a vaccine is now available to prevent HIV. Another 21 per cent reporting they don't know if one exists or not.

STIs

56%

Percentage of students who said they were not concerned about STIs.

Condoms

51%

Of those who had sex in past year, only 51% reported having worn a condom.

Canadian university students. About half of those polled don't wear protection in bed

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Despite greater access to sexual education and knowledge, nearly half of all post-secondary students didn't wear a condom during their most recent sexual encounter, according to a new survey.

The Trojan and Sex Information and Education Council of Canada (SIECCAN) Sexual Health Study was conducted by Leger Marketing and included 1,500 university students across the country.

Nearly two-thirds of them reported having had a sexual encounter in the past year and among those, 72 per cent engaged in intercourse. Yet the survey found that only 51 per cent wore a condom.

Those who did use one did so primarily for birth control. In fact, only six per cent wore a condom to prevent sexually-transmitted infections (STI).

That may be because 56 per cent reported they are not concerned about STIs and 56 per cent weren't aware that human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection in Canada.

"Rates of sexually transmitted infections are high in the young adult age group, so the results of this study clearly show that there remains much more work to do in terms of encouraging young people to better protect themselves against not only unwanted pregnancy but especially STIs," said Alex McKay, a research coordinator with SIECCAN.

Fanshawe Student Union president Adam Gourlay said the subject of sex is taken seriously on campus, though often in a less-than-serious way.

Condoms are placed in bins students can dip into and the beginning of every semester features a Sexual Awareness Week.

"They're going to do it," he said, "so we try to make sure they have fun, but in a responsible way."

Ran red light. Weapons, drugs found on cyclist

About a week after police found drugs and a weapon on a cyclist who had run a red light, it's happened again.

At about 9:50 a.m. Sunday, two officers on foot patrol noticed a cyclist blow through a red light at Richmond and York streets. He was stopped a short distance away and was found to be in possession of two push knives, cocaine, crack cocaine and crystal methamphetamine worth about $1,700, police said. The man was also carrying $1,040 in cash.

Jamie Keenan, 39, of London is facing nine drug and weapon charges, police said Tuesday. He was also charged with running the red light.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Highway 401. Police charge bus driver for texting while driving

A London bus driver has been charged after a passenger spotted him texting while driving on Highway 401, Chatham-Kent OPP say.

Mark Neeb, 44, was piloting the westbound bus about 2 p.m. Monday when the passenger contacted police to make the report, police say.

Officers responding to the call stopped the bus and confirmed Neeb was using a "handheld communication device."

Neeb will answer to the charge when he appears in a Chatham-area court on Nov. 20. METRO

Recommendation

London Hydro not for sale — again

A last-ditch attempt to make it possible to sell part of London Hydro was defeated Tuesday night.

It followed a long debate Monday on the future of the city-owned utility.

That ended in a recommendation that "no action be taken with respect to selling any portion of London Hydro."

But that still had to pass through council.

Coun. Stephen Orser, who missed the Monday meeting, tried to change the recommendation during the late stages of Tuesday's council meeting.

As it stood, it was a ban on selling "any portion." He wanted it to change to a ban on selling "a controlling interest." That lit a fire under everyone on council.

Councillors lined up to express opinions for or against the sale of London Hydro.

"Most of the colleagues around the table know that their constituents don't want us to sell London Hydro," said Coun. Nancy Branscombe.

Coun. Paul van Meerbergen countered: "The problem with the Branscombe motion (stopping the sale) is it's just too draconian.

"We're not talking about selling all of Hydro. We're saying we'll retain a controlling interest. That means we're keeping it."

Then Mayor Joe Fontana supported Orser, Coun. Denise Brown was against, and Coun. Sandy White got into an exchange with Brown, before the debate degenerated into a debate about debate.

Amid much discussion about the nature of amendments, their wording and whether city staff could provide advice, the councillors simply voted yes or no for allowing a sale.

The vote was no, by 8-7. Those happy to keep a partial sale possible were Couns. White, Van Meerbergen, Orser, Joe Swan and Bud Polhill, plus the mayor, but they were just outnumbered.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Betrayal of public trust or 'happenstance?'

As Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin issues a scathing report that calls into question the credibility of seven city councillors, the politicians themselves deny any wrongdoing, chalking a Feb. 23 gathering up to coincidence.

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They were like "insects," said the ombudsman.

It's not a flattering description for any politician, but Andre Marin didn't hesitate to use it Tuesday as he deemed a Feb. 23 gathering of six city councillors and the mayor "illegal."

Evidence suggests there was a moment at the meeting when it was discovered the local press were on their way, and everybody left suddenly, Marin said.

"It was a reaction that was so much like lifting a rock and showing all the insects have scattered," Marin said during a news conference. "To me, that shows consciousness of guilt."

His report may have been damning, but his comments were even worse.

The "confusing and contradictory" evidence by the politicians meant they were "therefore unreliable and lacking credibility," he said.

Marin did pull one punch, though. He was invited to call the group liars and declined. He said his investigation was complete and did not need to go any further.

"This was a planned meeting, a planned meeting that was using the pretext of a social gathering to carry out city council business," he said.

It was a "bleak picture" for municipal politics, he said, calling the findings of his investigation "striking."

He continued: "The conflicting stories of the various comings and goings. The flurry of cellphone calls just prior to what was supposedly an accidental meeting. The backdoor entrances and exits. The presence of a legal quorum of four of the six standing committees of city council."

Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin's report on a Feb. 23 meeting of six city councillors and the mayor was made public Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayor Joe Fontana, the leading face of local government, was among seven politicians criticized Tuesday by ombudsman Andre Marin. METRO FILE

Fallout from the report

- The city's strategic priorities and policy committee agreed Tuesday to ask staff to draw up guidelines for councillors about transparency and meetings.
- Coun. Joni Baechler asked for fines for offenders to be introduced, and a majority agreed.
- Voting against Baechler's proposal were Couns. Dale Henderson, Paul Van Meerbergen, Stephen Orser, Bud Polhill — four of the seven involved in the Feb. 23 meeting Marin investigated — and Harold Usher. Sandy White, another member of Billy T's septet, was absent.

It was all "happenstance."

That's the explanation by lawyers Christopher Williams and John Mascarin, who represent six councillors and the mayor.

The lawyers were at the back of the room Tuesday while Ombudsman Andre Marin took questions from the media about his report.

And, as soon as Marin was done talking, Williams and Mascarin started.

"It was a happenstance meeting by members of council, and no business of council was materially advanced," Mascarin insisted, because issues discussed did not lead to decisions at city hall.

Metro had to ask: in a community the size of London, seven council members just happened to be in the same restaurant Saturday at lunchtime?

Yes, said Mascarin.

Some were due to meet at different times. Some arrived early, some were late and one — Sandy White — was there by chance to meet a friend.

The meeting was not planned but, once they were all there at the same time, they didn't want to ignore each other and sat together.

The lawyers also questioned Marin's use of his own definition of "a meeting" for the purposes of municipal law. His report says he "formulated a working definition."

Mascarin said that isn't good enough and "doesn't accord at all with other cases in Ontario."

They also insisted the evidence presented by Marin, based on interviews with councillors, does not support his conclusion that an illegal meeting took place.

Councillors react to report

"I'm really pleased with the work of our lawyers. They know the Municipal Act inside-out, and I trust their judgment."
Coun. Sandy White

"I'm not sure how we can have a public restaurant and describe it as behind closed doors."
Coun. Bud Polhill

"The recommendations of this report are fine, but I disagree with the conclusions."
Coun. Paul Van Meerbergen

"I've been through a lot on this. I don't bring my nine-year-old daughter to a secret meeting."
Coun. Stephen Orser

"I'm not going to comment on this. I can't comment on it."
Coun. Dale Henderson

"I feel in this case the (ombudsman) office holder has gone out of his way to twist, turn and change the definitions of the very law, in order to reach the conclusions that he's made."
Coun. Joe Swan

Decision on Veterans Memorial Parkway noise barrier put off again

City hall. Councillors voice frustration during debate that ends with 8-7 vote to defer issue for another time

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People living near one of the city's busiest roads had high hopes Tuesday night that new noise-reduction measures would ease their pain.

Those hopes, however, were dashed as council deferred making a decision to give city staff more time to investigate an appropriate solution for Veterans Memorial Parkway.

The 8-7 vote to put things on hold came despite a passionate campaign from Coun. Bill Armstrong, who represents the east London homeowners waiting for a fix.

Quoted

"This ball keeps getting kicked."

Coun. Joni Baechler, on council's lack of action on issue.

Noise in the residents' backyards, Armstrong told his colleagues, is intolerable and people need help. The parkway is no different than a highway, Armstrong said, comparing the stretch to Highway 401.

The problem — and the search for a solution — has been hanging around council chambers for years.

"Sometimes I feel we couldn't make a cheese sandwich between the whole bunch of us, and we're supposed to make decisions," Coun. Stephen Orser said during Tuesday's debate.

City staff have recommended making improvements to an existing noise berm along Simpson Crescent, Admiral Drive and Trafalgar Street. But stronger action is needed, Armstrong argued.

"I can assure you that these people are not going to go away," he said.

"This is their homes. This is their investment.

"Many of them are going to spend the rest of their lives here."

But, as can happen at city council meetings, it got complicated.

Coun. Bud Polhill said he had information about a new, cheaper material from the U.S. that could do the job just as well.

With that information in tow, council referred the matter back to staff asking them to look into the new material.

Liberals

Bill proposes enshrining bargaining system with teachers

The governing Liberals have introduced legislation aimed at enshrining the system used to negotiate teachers' contracts.

The legislation, if passed, aims to make the system law before most existing agreements expire in August.

It would ensure provincial trustees' associations are represented at the main bargaining table, along with the government and unions, including those representing support staff, said Education Minister Liz Sandals. It would also require that all three parties ratify any central agreement.

The legislation is no magic bullet, but it will allow for better labour relations, said Michael Barrett, president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

And, it will, hopefully, help avoid situations like the one faced last school year when teachers' unions declared war on the minority Liberals and, as Barrett put it, the process for negotiations "was being invented as we went along."

During those talks, school boards complained that they had no say in the tentative agreement that the province reached with Catholic and francophone teachers' unions, then pressured the rest of the unions to adopt.

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Lightfoot to play London in May

Gordon Lightfoot performs here during the 2012 Songwriters Hall of Fame induction in New York City. The Orillia native, with more than five decades of experience under his belt, is coming to London for a May 10 show at Budweiser Gardens. Tickets range from $35 to $113.50 and go on sale at 10 a.m. on Nov. 1. Visit budweisergardens.com for details. LARRY BUSACCA/GETTY IMAGES

Interfaith initiative.

Howzat! Vatican fielding its very own cricket team

The Vatican served tea and cucumber sandwiches Tuesday as it launched its first cricket club, an initiative aimed at forging ties with teams of other faiths.

No, Pope Francis isn't taking up the sport long associated with manicured grounds and English nobility. But he and the Vatican have long championed sports as good for mind, body and soul, and the cricket club is the latest initiative of the Vatican's culture ministry to use sports to engage in dialogue with the contemporary world.

Australia's ambassador to the Holy See, John McCarthy, was the brainchild behind the initiative and said he hopes the St. Peter's Cricket Club will field a team to play the Church of England at Lord's sometime next fall.

He said the aim is to boost interfaith dialogue, given cricket's immense popularity in largely non-Catholic India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. It would be a "very special occasion" if seminarians from Rome's pontifical universities might one day play students at Muslim or Hindu religious schools on the subcontinent, he said.

The Vatican aims to forge ties with other faiths through cricket. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No record of birth.

Another blond girl removed from Roma family in Ireland

Irish police have seized a young girl with blond hair from a Roma family in Dublin in a move spurred by a similar case in Greece.

The government Health Services Executive said Tuesday it's seeking court approval to take the girl into foster care while police investigate her origin.

Ireland's national police force said its officers took the girl out of the home Monday after the husband and wife claimed the girl was seven years old and their own child. A Dublin maternity hospital they identified had no record of the birth.

Nobody has been arrested.

Police said neighbours of the family reported the case after seeing publicity of the Greek case, in which a Roma couple was charged with abduction of a blond girl.

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Duffy: PM valued 'base' over 'truth'

Expenses scandal. Senator claims he was told by Stephen Harper's office to pay back $90,000 'or else'

Senators Mike Duffy, above, Pamela Wallin, top right, and Patrick Brazeau arrive on Parliament Hill, Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sen. Mike Duffy says Prime Minister Stephen Harper, concerned about how the senator's burgeoning expense scandal was going over with the Conservative "base," ordered him to repay $90,000 in disallowed housing allowance claims.

In a riveting speech to his Senate colleagues, Duffy spun a tale of "conspiracy" as he described a February meeting with Harper and his then chief of staff, Nigel Wright, during which the senator pleaded his innocence.

"But the prime minister wasn't interested in explanations or the truth," Duffy said, recounting what Harper himself told him.

"'It's not about what you did,"' Duffy quoted Harper as saying. "'It's about the perception of what you did that's been created in the media. The rules are inexplicable to our base … I was ordered by the prime minister to pay the money back, end of discussion."

Duffy said when he later complained that he couldn't afford to pay the money back, Wright offered to "write the cheque." He does not, however, make clear whether Harper was privy to that part of the discussion.

Duffy said he spoke by telephone several times with Wright, repeatedly insisting that to "pay back money I didn't owe would destroy my reputation."

"The PMO piled on the pressure. Some honourable senators called me in P.E.I. One senator in particular left several particularly nasty and menacing messages: 'Do what the prime minister wants, do it for the PM and for the good of the party."

"Finally, the message from the PMO became, 'Do what we want or else.' "

The "else," Duffy said, was that the Conservatives on the powerful steering committee of the Senate's board of internal economy, David Tkachuk and Carolyn Stewart Olsen, would declare him unqualified to sit as a senator.

"'However, if you do what we want, the prime minister will publicly confirm that you're entitled to sit as a senator for P.E.I. and you won't lose your seat,"' Duffy quoted Wright as saying.

"I said, 'They don't have the power to do that.' He said, 'Agree to what we want right now or else."'

Duffy said he made one last effort, arguing he'd done nothing wrong and didn't have the money to reimburse the Senate in any event.

"'Don't worry,' Nigel said. 'I'll write the cheque. Let the lawyers handle the details, you just follow the plan and we'll keep Carolyn Stewart Olsen and David Tkachuk at bay."'

Duffy and former Conservative caucus colleagues Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau face the prospect of suspension without pay for "gross negligence" in their management of Senate resources.

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Graphic content. Facebook works to warn users after beheading-video outcry

Facebook announced Tuesday it was working on new ways to keep users from stumbling across gruesome content on its website following an outcry over the discovery of beheading videos there.

Facing sharp criticism, Facebook issued a statement clarifying that violent videos were only allowed if they were presented as news or held up as atrocities to be condemned.

"If they were being celebrated, or the actions in them encouraged, our approach would be different," the company said in a statement. "However, since some people object to graphic video of this nature, we are working to give people additional control over the content they see. This may include warning them in advance that the image they are about to see contains graphic content."

Violent news content poses particularly thorny questions for a website that allows children as young as 13 to join, but one free speech group said the fact that content is hard to watch doesn't mean it should be hidden.

"Films about beheadings may be deeply upsetting and offensive, but they do expose the reality of violent acts that are taking place in the world today," said Sean Gallagher of the Index on Censorship. "When trying to draw a line about what should or shouldn't be allowed, it's important to look at context, not just content."

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Civil liberties

B.C. group says government agency is spying on Canadians

A British Columbia civil liberties group is suing a federal government agency over allegations it has spied on Canadian citizens.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association says the Communications Security Establishment Canada has violated charter rights by intercepting private communications online and over the telephone.

The lawsuit filed in B.C. Supreme Court says the federal agency has illegally collected information on Canadians by reading personal emails and text messages, and listening in on conversations with people outside of Canada.

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Texas

Football coach accused of bullying after lopsided victory

A parent at a Texas high school that lost a football game 91-0 has filed a bullying complaint against the winning coach.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that Aledo High School coach Tim Buchanan learned of the online complaint against him Saturday, the day after his team beat Western Hills in a matchup. State law requires Aledo's principal to investigate the complaint and prepare a report.

Western Hills coach John Naylor told the paper he disagreed with the bullying allegation.

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Seattle. Sex offender who fled Canada may have assaulted 16-year-old boy

Authorities say they believe a sex offender who fled Canada may be the suspect in the sexual assault of a 16-year-old boy.

In a news release Tuesday, Seattle police said they were told that Michael Stanley met the teen at a grocery store and walked with him to an alley.

"Stanley plied the teen with alcohol, grabbed the teen and sexually assaulted him," police alleged.

"The 16-year-old pulled a knife on Stanley and was able to run to another location and contact police." Soon after, police received reports of a man yelling in an alley.

"When police arrived at the scene, they found Stanley, who became combative with officers and claimed he had a knife."

Police said officers found a small knife on Stanley, who appeared to be drunk. They arrested him for harassment and later learned about the alleged sex assault. They expected to re-book Stanley on additional charges.

Stanley entered the U.S. earlier this month as Canadian police were searching for the 48-year-old. On Oct. 1, the electronic monitoring bracelet he had been wearing was cut off and found on the roof in Lloydminster, Alta.

Seattle police located Stanley in the city last week and, as a registered sex offender in Canada, he was told he also had to register in the U.S. He listed his address as one near a preschool and just a block away from a scenic tourist destination. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Orwellian overtones

Bell customers to be tracked via web, TV, phones

Bell will soon start tracking how its customers use the web and their mobile devices, what they watch on TV, and when they make phone calls. According to its recently updated privacy policy, Bell will begin collecting customer data on Nov. 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Popular choice. Metro London readership rate rises 7% over last year

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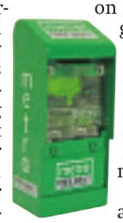

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Stiff competition good news for Apple fans

Better design, lower prices. Die-hard aficionados will shell out less for latest iPads thanks to fierce contest for tablet market share

Apple CEO Tim Cook is fighting eroding market share by dropping prices and improving design. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Apple Inc. is refreshing its iPad lineup and slashing the price of its Mac computers ahead of the holiday shopping season, as it faces an eroding tablet market share and growing competition from rival gadget makers.

Apple unveiled a new, thinner, lighter tablet called the iPad Air along with a slew of new Macs Tuesday at an event in San Francisco. The iPad Air weighs just 1 pound, compared with 1.4 pounds for the previous version. Apple marketing chief Phil Schiller called the tablet a "screaming fast iPad." He said it is eight times faster than the original iPad that came out in 2010.

The iPad's market share has been eroding compared with cheaper rivals running Google Inc.'s Android operating system. Research firm Gartner Inc. estimates that Android tablets will end 2013 with a 50 per cent share of the worldwide market versus 49 per cent for the iPad. Just two years ago, the iPad commanded a 65 per cent market share compared to 30 per cent for Android tablets.

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Start saving up now, iPad Air starts at $499 US

The iPad Air will go on sale Nov. 1 and start at $499 US for a model with 16 gigabytes of memory. A new iPad Mini will be available later in November starting at $399 US.

MacBook prices drop, but will still cost a pretty penny

A new, 13-inch MacBook Pro with Retina display is thinner and lighter, Apple marketing chief Phil Schiller said, with up to nine hours of battery life — enough to watch the entire trilogy of The Dark Knight on one charge.

The notebook's new price is lower: $1,299, compared with $1,499.

Mavericks OS focuses on apps

Apple's latest computer operating system, Mavericks, is available free of charge. New features will allow users to respond to notifications from other apps without leaving the app they are using, and will come with new maps and iBooks apps.

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IT'S GHOULS GONE WILD

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Let's get nasty.

As in zombies, vampires, ghosts, goblins, warlocks, witches, Kim Kardashian and Miley Cyrus.

Yes, it's that most politically incorrect time of year: Halloween.

Proof that Halloween is not good-for-you-like-tofu is easy to come by:

1.) The Miley Cyrus twerking outfit from the MTV video awards is the hottest selling Halloween costume of the year (according to the costume chain Spirit Halloween).

2.) School principals across North America keep trying to ban Halloween because it's: not safe, religiously objectionable, racist, sexist and it rots your teeth.

3.) It's big business. Halloween spending in the U.S. will reach $6.9 billion this year, according to the National Retail Federation. Scary!

Still, Halloween in all its gory manages to survive intact. People simply like to pretend they're bad. They dress up like celebrities (Miley, Kim Kardashian), comic book heroes (Wolverine, Iron Man), cartoons (The Minions from Despicable Me), newsmakers (Osama bin Laden) and sex symbols (Marilyn Monroe, Osama bin Laden).

Whoa? Osama Bin Laden is a sex symbol?

Believe it or not, you can buy a sexy Osama costume online, along with a sexy Hazmat suit from Breaking Bad, a sexy pizza costume and a sexy Barney the Dinosaur costume.

There's no doubt, according to various Halloweenologists, that, zombies and wolverines aside, sexy is the number one trend for Trick or Treat 2013. And if you think the Miley Cyrus twerking costume is in bad taste, how about "Naughty Leopard" for two-year-old girls? The costume looks innocuous enough, if you think black lace on your two-year-old is innocuous; but what's with the "Naughty Leopard" label? The costume bears no resemblance to a leopard, naughty or otherwise. It's wrong on so many levels.

Every year, a Naughty Leopard or some other new wretched Halloween excess is revealed by an eager media. That's the point. Halloween is rude, offensive and over the top. It's also a lot of fun.

I can hear the killjoys now. Yeah, it's fun until someone gets hurt. And every year, someone gets hurt, at least psychologically. I'll never forget the year my six-year-old son decided he'd dress up as a three-headed zombie. Once the costume and makeup were complete, he took one look in the mirror and burst into tears. He spent the rest of the evening dialled down as a "snasty pirate."

But the effort to clean up Halloween is just as scary as the offending festival itself. The vast majority of Halloween hijinks are harmless and delightful, so the trick is to take a deep breath and the treat is a big bag of candy. That will rot your teeth for sure.

That evil, cackling sound is not Osama bin Laden or Miley Cyrus.

It's your dentist.

ZOOM

Look-alikes demand a double take

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Fake royal family enjoys bath time

Just before little Prince George's christening, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge appear to enjoy bonding time with their new arrival.

In this intimate photo, William and Kate are bathing their baby, but on closer inspection, they are all look-alikes. This amusing image was taken by photographer Alison Jackson. **METRO**

From behind the lens

"I want my photos to burst a bubble constructed within the media that celebrities don't lead normal private lives. I want to show that they actually do." Alison Jackson, photographer

Don't believe everything you see

While many see their comical value, Jackson's view of her images has more serious overtones. "Jackson raises questions about whether we can believe what we see when we live in a mediated world of screens, imagery and Internet," her bio reads. "She comments on the power and seductive nature of imagery, and on our need to believe." **METRO**

Number of duplicates

5

is the number of look-alikes Jackson has at her service for Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge.
"I have one in particular who is a dead ringer — she's identical in photographs taken from all angles," Jackson said. The next impersonator Jackson is hunting for is of U.S. actor-pop star Miley Cyrus. "If you do know someone, I would be very grateful if you could contact me!" she appealed to Metro.

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Carcasses belonging to a huge, deep-sea dweller "oarfish" to modern know-it-alls, "sea serpents" to yesteryear sailors — have been drawing the curious since appearing in California last week. That's a sadly prohibitive distance for Canadian bizarre-creature enthusiasts. Happily, these blogs are more accessible.

An oarfish that washed up on the beach in California. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Real Monstrosities:

It's immediately clear the curators of this blog are more into weird critters than they are web design, but that's quickly forgiven amid videos of creepy crawlies like wrap-around spiders and the badger bat, which is actually pretty cute. (realmonstrosities.com)

The Artful Amoeba:

A corner of Scientific American dedicated to the tiny (plankton), the mind-bending (deep sea oddities) and the unfairly overlooked (um, horse dung fungus). The updates can be few, but there's a lot of surprising life there to catch up on. (scientificamerican.com)

Living Alongside Wildlife:

Dedicated to the sometimes dangerous animals that share the spaces we live in and busting the myths that surround them. However, the real stars of the show here are the rich answers to "what the heck is this thing in my house?" emails from readers. (livingalongsidewildlife.com)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A surfer fended off a shark by punching it. What would be your first instinct on seeing a shark?

@crazycoach21: First Thought? Sorry Mom, clean underwear isn't in the cards today!

@Cazzy: Flee from the incoming tornado.

@twotalkingdogs: First instinct: swim away fast...very fast.

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Cormac who? Hollywood brings a literary heavyweight to the masses

McCarthy movies.
Author's memorably dark characters come to life with this year's releases of Child of God and The Counselor

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Cormac McCarthy wrote the screenplay for The Counselor, which stars Brad Pitt and Michael Fassbender. CONTRIBUTED

Cormac McCarthy may not be a household name around your place, unless you live with the Coen Brothers or maybe with the Pitts.

Literary critic Harold Bloom called the writer one of the four major American novellists of his time, and he has two all-star movies set for release, which may make his name a little more commonplace.

Later in 2013 James Franco directs, scripts and stars in Child of God, an adaptation of McCarthy's 1973 novel about "a dispossessed, violent man whose life is a disastrous attempt to exist outside the social order."

This weekend a star-studded cast lead by Brad Pitt, Cameron Diaz and Michael Fassbender headline The Counselor, directed by Ridley Scott.

Producer Steve Schwartz says the story of a lawyer in over his head after dipping his toe into the drug trade "may be one of McCarthy's most disturbing and powerful works."

And that's saying something about the writer who gave us a character like No Country for Old Men's killing machine Anton Chigurh. Empireonline.com warned that when McCarthy throws "a dark character at you, it's a safe assumption that you're not going to be able to get them out of your head for a good, long while — if ever."

As written by McCarthy and played by Javier Bardem, who earned an Academy Award for best supporting actor for the part, Chigurh is merciless, a murderer who makes life and death decisions with the flip of a coin.

The Road, a 2007 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction, is another disturbing McCarthy novel adapted for the big screen.

The story is simple. A man and his son (Viggo Mortenson and Kodi Smit-McPhee) try to survive in a dystopian world. Armed with only a gun and two bullets, they must scavenge for food amid the ruins and protect themselves from cannibals who roam the desolate land.

The Road is a movie based on small moments set against a big backdrop. No parent will be able to forget the stark image of seeing a young boy who doesn't know what a can of Coke is or a father teaching his son how to commit suicide.

Javier Bardem played a murderer in No Country for Old Men. CONTRIBUTED

It's tough, no-nonsense work from a writer who says he's "not that big a fan of exotic foreign films," especially movies with magical realism. "You know, it's hard enough to get people to believe what you're telling them without making it impossible," he says. "It has to be vaguely plausible."

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Renee Zellweger

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Renee still wants to be a mom

Renee Zellweger is reportedly "desperate" to get into the motherhood game and is looking to start a family with her guitarist boyfriend, Doyle Bramhall, according to Radar Online.

"She's considering adopting," a source says. "She knows that she probably missed the boat on carrying and giving birth to a child. She gets down about not having a family yet. She really thought that she'd be married and raising kids out in the Connecticut countryside by now." Still, the Bridget Jones star is staying positive, the source adds: "Renee tries to find the positive side of things. She knows 44 isn't too old to be a mom. It will just have to happen a little differently than she always imagined it would."

Ronan Farrow

So Sinatra was my dad? No biggie

Ronan Farrow is doing his best to weather the attention kicked up after his mother, Mia Farrow, told Vanity Fair that Frank Sinatra might actually be his father instead of Woody Allen. "Of course, it is a distraction. But I take it in stride. Look, we all have our family histories to bear," he tells Vulture about the story. "I appreciate how hilarious it is. I mean, it's a ridiculous situation. That said, I'm pretty unfazed by it in substance, because it's been out there both publicly and privately for so long."

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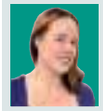

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OH MA GAH. Kim and Kanye are officially engaged!

The engagement was done in their typical low-key style, which meant, for Kanye, renting out AT&T Park in San Francisco for their friends and family and pleading "PLEEEASE MARRY MEEEEE!!!!" on the Jumbotron while a 50-piece orchestra played Lana Del Rey's Young and Beautiful, followed by Keri Hilson, Ne-Yo and Kanye's Knock You Down.

Fireworks and Roman candles were also deployed. And then Stephen Hawking wheeled in to present the ring (just kidding on that last part but honestly, would you even be surprised?).

Just in case you were curious, she agreed to the engagement (her third, for those keeping track at home). Kardashian Instagrammed a picture of her 15-carat Lorraine Schwartz stunner with the caption, "Yes."

You know, let's be happy for them. Maybe they will have a long marriage until one of them finally passes away from too much flash exposure.

They'll pop out some more geographically named children. Kanye will continue on with his leather sweatpant ways while Kim will continue to dress like something out of a couture Century 21. They could be our Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward!

It's not over till it's over, or something like that

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas

Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones may still be separated, but Douglas is optimistic about how things will turn out between them. "I've been away for a while, but everything should hopefully be on the up and up," he tells Jay Leno during an interview. "Sometimes people take a little bit of a break, but it doesn't necessarily mean that's the end. I'm very hopeful."

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The home of SeaWorld and a world-famous zoo offers plenty of cash-burning attractions, but San Diego also has awe-inspiring sites that are as free as the sea breeze and go beyond just sunbathing at the beach. You'll soon see this city has matured from its Fast Times at Ridgemont High surf days.

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5 Free things to see in San Diego

Balboa Park

Balboa Park will be marking its 100th anniversary in 2015, although any day is worth a visit to the 485-hectare urban oasis that rivals New York's Central Park and is home to the San Diego Zoo. Balboa Park offers hikes through palm-lined canyons and gardens. At the park's centre are a cluster of museums whose Spanish-Renaissance style buildings were erected in 1915 for a world fair to mark the opening of the Panama Canal.

University of California San Diego

On a mesa above the Pacific, the setting alone is reason to visit the UC San Diego campus. The university's grounds are also dotted by 18 internationally acclaimed art pieces. The most recent installation is Fallen Star by Korean artist Do Ho Suh. The quaint one-room cottage hangs precariously off the seventh storey of the engineering school.

The Salk Institute

Just west of the UC San Diego campus is The Salk Institute for Biological Studies, which offers free guided tours Monday to Friday. Established in the 1960s by Dr. Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine, the research facility was designed by architect Louis I. Kahn. Salk wanted laboratory spaces that could be adapted to the future needs of science. Kahn designed two, six-storey buildings and used concrete, teak, lead, glass and special steel.

Border Field State Park

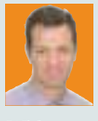
San Diego is a border city but it often does not feel like one despite the fact its centre is less than a 20-minute drive to Mexico. The best way to see the border without crossing it is at Border Field State Park, which is at the farthest southwest corner of the United States. The park is free for those who hike in from the parking lot before the main gate. It's about 2.4 kilometres to the picnic area, where visitors can see the towering steel fence marking the border, which plunges into the Pacific.

Torrey Pines Glider Port

For spectacular sky gazing, head to Torrey Pines Glider Port, a city-owned, private-use glider airport where paragliders and hang gliders jump off the wind-swept bluffs and silently float over the ocean. During the Second World War, U.S. Army cadets trained at the site, which is listed as a National Landmark of Soaring. Today there are picnic tables. The glider port offers lessons and equipment rental, and sandwiches at the Cliff Hanger Cafe.

Rewards programs

Cutting through the card confusion



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With more than 75 travel reward cards — each with nuanced offerings — saturating the Canadian marketplace, it is hardly surprising that consumers feel confused and frustrated. Take for example, the CIBC Aerogold credit card. Over the last several months, there have been numerous advertisements and direct mail pieces announcing the changes coming with the credit card and the Aeroplan program in general. As of Jan. 1, 2014 the current CIBC Aerogold will cease to exist. Both CIBC and TD banks will be offering new co-branded credit cards, the Aeroplan program will offer a new tiered recognition program called Distinction that rewards top accumulating members across all coalition partners (not just travel related ones) and new and improved flight rewards will be implemented. The changes do not correlate with Air Canada's Altitude program, which rewards frequent fliers with upgrades, lounge passes and express lines at the airport. These are all potentially good changes, but a lot to digest. RewardsCanada.ca produces a fantastic annual report that rates reward cards based on several criteria, including ease of redemption, partnerships, benefits and annual fees. They also look at the reach of the various travel partners, such as the number of cities a partner airline may fly into. Their winner for this year's top travel credit card with an annual fee was the Capital One Aspire Travel World MasterCard.

B.E.A.T it, just B.E.A.T it — in a pocket

B.E.A.T. in a Pocket

This recipe makes four servings. CONTRIBUTED

Bacon, eggs, avocado and tomato combine so you can serve a healthy meal everyone will enjoy and beat the time crunch on any busy day.

Your kids may like plain eggs, but it's easy to add an adult twist by stuffing your pita with bold, flavourful ingredients.

1. Warm bacon in non-stick skillet over medium heat.

2. In a small bowl, whisk eggs and pepper; pour into skillet. As mixture begins to set, gently move spatula across bottom and sides of skillet to form large, soft curds. Cook until eggs are thickened and no visible liquid egg remains.

3. Cut pitas in half; open halves and place tomato slices inside. Spoon in scrambled eggs and avocado.

Variations

Cheese B.E.A.T.
Instead of bacon, use 60 g (2 oz) sliced brie or shredded cheddar or mozzarella.

Veggie B.E.A.T
Instead of avocado and tomato, add texture by using one small chopped sweet red or green pepper and one grated carrot.

B.E.A.T. in a Tortilla
Instead of pita bread, use whole-wheat tortillas. Roll up scrambled eggs, tomatoes and avocado inside tortilla.

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Ingredients

Preparation time: 8 minutes
Cooking time: 5 minutes

- 2 slices reduced-salt bacon, cooked and chopped
- 4 eggs
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) pepper
- 2 whole-wheat pita pockets
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 1/2 avocado, diced

Drink of the Week

Skinny Banana Berry Smoothie

- 1 cup (250 ml) strawberries
- 1 cup (250 ml) blueberries
- 1 banana
- 1 cup (250 ml) fat-free plain yogurt
- 1 cup (250 ml) orange juice
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Add all ingredients to blender.

Blend on high until smooth.

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Another thumbs down? Do not frown!

We aren't buying what you're selling. Five ways things can go your way at your sales job, even after hearing a 'nay'

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Have losses taken the wind out of your sales? Keep your chin up and remember that refusals are a part of any workplace. ISTOCK

When I started my summer co-op in sales, I was filled with nerves.

I was excited to be working one-on-one with clients, but I was also terrified that I would disappoint my employer.

One of the most valuable things I learned from my job in sales is that a sales role can often mean experiencing satisfaction and disappointment in very close proximity. This can be very hard as a new hire without much experience, as you may feel like your failures outweigh your successes.

If you're starting a job in sales, these five tips will help you deal with hearing "no" in a constructive manner!

Treat each "no" separately

When I started my co-op, there were days when all I heard was "no" for the entire morning. I got discouraged easily, so every opportunity that followed a "no" was affected by my deflated attitude.

When starting your sales job, don't let one "no" have a negative impact on the rest of your day. This will lead to you having write-off days, which can hold you back from reaching your full potential.

You are not alone

"In any career, you'll need to deal with disappointment and negative outcomes. Keep in mind that everyone goes through these experiences regardless of experience, technique or client base."
Meghan Greaves

Remember that "no" is part of the job

You'd love to come away from every opportunity having exceeded expectations, but that just isn't possible in reality.

In any career, you'll need to deal with disappointment and negative outcomes. Keep in mind that everyone goes through these experiences regardless of experience, technique or client base.

Hearing "no" is just a part of sales — use it as an opportunity to rework your strategy and reevaluate your approach with that prospective client.

Keep your confidence up

It might sound cliché, but don't get down on yourself.

A lack of confidence will be reflected in how you come across during a sale. Even if you haven't had the best day for sales, it's important to always treat every sale as if it were your first.

So buck up, choose a smile and push past the negative!

Know your exit cues

A sales skill that no one wants to use — but which everyone needs — is knowing when a sales opportunity isn't going to end successfully.

- Sometimes a client simply isn't interested. This is okay! It's important to know when to let a sale go to avoid upsetting the customer.

Ask your manager for tips

It's important to recognize opportunities for growth as they arise, so don't be afraid to ask for tips and technique advice from your manager.

During the first week of my co-op I asked my manager if he would be willing to spend some time helping me evaluate my sales strategy and communication skills. Before I knew it, I consistently had the highest sales in my region!

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Reds' pitching coach moves into manager's role

The Reds stayed in-house for their next manager, giving pitching coach Bryan Price a three-year deal Tuesday to take the team deep into the playoffs.

The job carries enormous expectations for the 51-year-old Price, who has been one of the most successful pitching coaches in the majors but has never managed at any level. He and Triple-A manager Jim Riggleman were two in-house candidates considered for the job. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Lincecum staying on with Giants

Tim Lincecum is staying put with the San Francisco Giants just as he hoped, reaching an agreement Tuesday on a $35-million, two-year contract through the 2015 season.

The deal is pending a physical, which had yet to be scheduled. Lincecum has a full no-trade clause in the new deal.

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Soccer

"I felt uncomfortable with the celebrity aspect of his life."

A decade after kicking a boot at David Beckham's head, Alex Ferguson used his autobiography to criticize the star's apparent preoccupation with fame. Ferguson's autobiography will be released on Thursday.

It really does Maatta where Olli ends up

OHL. Knights' wait continues with blue-liner putting in solid NHL showing in Pittsburgh

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Penguins defenceman Olli Maatta, centre, celebrates his first career NHL goal with teammates Pascal Dupuis, left, and Chris Kunitz against the Canucks on Saturday in Pittsburgh. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The London Knights' highlight goal of the weekend wasn't scored in London or Windsor.

Perhaps part of that reasoning was that they lost both games, first to the Oshawa Generals at home on Friday and then to the Spitfires on Saturday in Windsor?

No, the highlight goal, as it were, came during the bus ride to Windsor.

As the Knights were travelling on that lovely piece of Highway 401 on Saturday afternoon, the players and team officials were glued to the TV, watching teammate Olli Maatta play Game 8 with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

And there it was. Maatta scored with 6:48 left in the third period to tie up the game 3-3 against Vancouver Canucks. The Penguins went on to win 4-3 in overtime.

Now, the Penguins have played Game 9 — a 1-0 loss to Colorado Avalanche on Monday night — and the decision on whether Maatta stays with the Penguins or is returned to London must be made be before he plays his 10th game.

And that game is scheduled for Friday night at home against the New York Islanders. So in theory, they have until Friday at 7 p.m. ET.

"We watched the game on the bus when he scored. It's exciting. He's a good kid and deserves every bit of the stuff he's gotten," Knights teammate and fellow defenceman Dakota Mermis said before practice Tuesday. Mermis said the Maatta situation has not been a distraction to the team.

"We're all happy for him if he stays, if he comes back we will welcome him back," Mermis said. "Right now, we just focus on the guys we have in here. The guys are doing a good job so far, so we are happy with that."

But that does not in any way mean he will not be welcomed back if that is the decision made.

"Obviously, it's a big improvement for us. He's a good player. He could play in the NHL on any of the 30 teams," Mermis said.

Forward Chris Tierney said the Knights are having fun watching Maatta play at the higher level.

"He's kind of doing the same stuff that he did here, up there," Tierney said. "He's very smart with the puck and his speed looks fine up there. I think everyone is excited he is doing so well."

Knights assistant general manager Rob Simpson said the team can only wait and see what might happen.

"We're like everybody else. We're sitting back and waiting to find out if he's going to be back, and looking at what we might need if he doesn't come back," Simpson said. "It's something that myself, Mark and Dale and the coaches always talk about."

Unfamiliar faces find their way to Fenway

Lance Lynn squeezed through a door leading into the Green Monster, shimmied along a cramped space behind the famed left-field wall and peered out a tiny metal slot in the Fenway Park scoreboard.

"A little snug for me," the burly St. Louis pitcher said.

Plenty of Cardinals got their first look at the century-old ballpark during a workout Tuesday, a day before they opened the World Series against the Red Sox.

Hardly the first time we've seen these rivals together, however. Now, they're set to meet for the fourth time in "that Octobery kind of air," as Cardinals Game 1 starter Adam Wainwright described it.

Jon Lester will oppose him Wednesday night, facing a lineup that got a late boost. Allen Craig, who hit a major league-leading .454 with runners in scoring position but hasn't played since Sept. 4 because of a sprained foot, is set to return.

David Ortiz, Dustin Pedroia and many of their scraggly Boston teammates figure to get a good look at the Cardinals' crop of young arms, led by post-season ace Michael Wacha and relievers Trevor Rosenthal, Carlos Martinez and Kevin Siegrist.

Ortiz is the link to the Red Sox team that swept St. Louis in the 2004 Series — Boston never trailed at any point — and ended an 86-year championship drought.

The clubs haven't met in the regular season since 2008.

"It will be exciting to see some unfamiliar faces," Red Sox centre-fielder Jacoby Ellsbury said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Right-hander Adam Wainwright will start for the Cardinals when the World Series opens on Wednesday night in Boston. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

4 SPORTS

Sharks' Couture on the radar for Team Canada

Road to Sochi 2014.
Young forward impresses with shootout winner vs. Red Wings as Babcock, Yzerman look on

Logan Couture knows Mike Babcock coaches the Detroit Red Wings and Team Canada.

He also knows that Ken Holland, a member of Canada's management staff, is Detroit's general manager. But the San Jose Sharks centre didn't know until after Monday night's game that Steve Yzerman was in attendance at Joe Louis Arena.

"Every game I'm trying to play the way I want to, and I know that people are going to be watching. That's just what happens with an Olympic year," Couture said. "To play in front of them live, hopefully I made a good impression."

Team Canada's GM watched as Couture went play-for-play against Pavel Datsyuk in a scoreless game that didn't feature a lot of spare ice to work with. The 24-year-old had a strong night defensively and put a game-high five shots on net to make good, subtle impressions well before he scored the shootout winner.

Sharks forward Logan Couture
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"I notice Logan every night. That's very easily done," Sharks coach Todd McLellan said. "I think Logan has some Pavel qualities as far as his ability to hold people off, to strip pucks."

While Datsyuk is a lock for the Russian Olympic team in Sochi, Couture is part of a crowded group of young forwards — and especially centres — competing for a handful of spots on Team Canada. With four goals and seven assists through nine games, the Guelph native has two more points than Matt Duchene of the Colorado Avalanche, another candidate for the Canadian Olympic team.

Hot starts by the Sharks and Avalanche have helped those two players make strong cases. And Babcock has noticed Couture's contributions.

"Their team's changed," Babcock said Monday morning. "Couture, in my opinion, has basically taken over as their No. 1 centre."

At six-foot-one and 200 pounds, Couture has the size to compete when space is hard to come by, as he showed Monday. The bigger ice in February will change those dynamics, but he has the speed and playmaking ability to shift his focus and the flexibility to move to the wing.

Yzerman was at the Sharks-Red Wings game with Tampa Bay Lightning assistant general manager and director of player personnel Pat Verbeek. With the Lightning set to play Detroit Nov. 9, it was likely a good chance to do some multi-tasking.

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NHL

Oilers' Hall out four weeks with knee injury

Edmonton Oilers forward Taylor Hall is expected to miss four weeks of action after suffering a left-knee injury in a game last Saturday.

General manager Craig MacTavish confirmed the injury timeline Tuesday morning through a post on the team's Twitter feed.

Hall, the first overall pick in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, was hurt on an innocent-looking play in Edmonton's 3-1 win at Ottawa.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Pittsburgh	9	7	2	0	0	31	20	14
d-Detroit	10	6	3	0	1	24	24	13
Toronto	9	6	3	0	0	30	22	12
Carolina	9	4	2	1	2	22	26	11
Boston	7	5	2	0	0	20	10	10
Montreal	8	5	3	0	0	26	15	10
Tampa Bay	8	5	3	0	0	26	21	10
Ottawa	8	3	3	1	1	21	24	8
NY Islanders	8	3	3	0	2	25	23	8
Columbus	8	3	5	0	0	19	22	6
Washington	8	3	5	0	0	21	25	6
Florida	9	3	6	0	0	20	32	6
New Jersey	8	1	4	1	2	17	26	5
NY Rangers	7	2	5	0	0	11	29	4
Buffalo	10	1	8	1	0	13	28	3
Philadelphia	8	1	7	0	0	11	24	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
d-San Jose	9	8	0	0	1	40	16	17
d-Colorado	9	8	1	0	0	28	12	16
Anaheim	8	7	1	0	0	30	19	14
Chicago	8	5	1	0	2	23	19	12
Phoenix	9	5	2	1	1	27	26	12
Los Angeles	10	6	4	0	0	26	25	12
St. Louis	7	5	1	0	1	27	19	11
Nashville	9	5	3	0	1	19	22	11
Vancouver	10	5	4	0	1	27	29	11
Calgary	8	4	2	1	1	26	28	10
Minnesota	9	3	3	1	2	19	22	9
Winnipeg	9	4	5	0	0	22	25	8
Dallas	8	3	5	0	0	20	28	6
Edmonton	9	2	6	1	0	26	36	5

d — division leader; x — clinched playoff berth. **Note** — division leaders ranked in top three positions per conference regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL or SOL columns.

Tuesday's results
Anaheim at Toronto
Vancouver at NY Islanders
New Jersey at Columbus
Chicago at Florida
Edmonton at Montreal
Washington at Winnipeg
Nashville at Minnesota
Calgary at Phoenix

Monday's results
San Jose 1 Detroit 0 (SO)
Calgary 3 Los Angeles 2
Colorado 1 Pittsburgh 0

Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Ottawa at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 8 p.m.

Thursday's games
San Jose at Boston, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games
Toronto at Columbus, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 9 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Phg	7	10	17
Pavelski, SJ	3	9	12
H. Sedin, Van	2	10	12

Tuesday's games not included

MLB PLAYOFFS

WORLD SERIES

(Best-of-7 series; x — if necessary)

ST. LOUIS VS. BOSTON

Wednesday's game — All times Eastern
St. Louis at Boston 8:07 p.m.
Thursday's game
St. Louis at Boston 8:07 p.m.
Saturday's game
Boston at St. Louis 8:07 p.m.
Sunday's game
Boston at St. Louis 8:15 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28
x-Boston at St. Louis 8:07 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 30
x-St. Louis at Boston 8:07 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31
x-St. Louis at Boston 8:07 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Toronto	16	10	6	0	451	414	20
x-Hamilton	16	8	8	0	389	437	16
x-Montreal	16	7	9	0	412	424	14
Winnipeg	16	3	13	0	333	512	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Calgary	16	13	3	0	513	362	26
x-Saskatchewan	16	11	5	0	468	339	22
x-B.C.	16	9	7	0	435	425	18
Edmonton	16	3	13	0	362	450	6

Thursday's game — All times Eastern
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Edmonton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Montreal at Hamilton, 1 p.m.
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 7 p.m.

NFL

Monday's result
N.Y. Giants 23 Minnesota 7
Thursday's game — All times Eastern
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 8:25 p.m.
Sunday's games
San Francisco at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's game
Seattle at St. Louis, 8:40 p.m.

MLS

Wednesday's game
Chivas USA at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Kansas City at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Houston at D.C., 1:30 p.m.
New England at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 9 p.m.

The 2014 Mazda3

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Review. What looks and drives like a much more expensive car? The 2014 Mazda 3

MALCOLM GUNN
wheelbasemedia.com

You have to expect the unexpected when taking the wheel of the 2014 Mazda3. With seductive looks, comfortable accommodations and impeccable road manners, Mazda's redesigned compact punches well above its weight class when battling the other members of the compact-car field.

Original Mazda3 variations that first arrived for the 2004 model year displayed plenty of swagger and backed it up with surprising levels of basic, down-to-earth goodness. Since then, both sedan and Sport hatchback versions (including the hotrod Mazdaspeed3) have remained popular with legions of folks seeking a car that's as enjoyable to drive as it is to look at.

The new models emulate the mid-size Mazda6 sedan and the CX-5 wagon, which means they no longer wear Cheshire-cat grins affixed to their snouts. Instead, both have adopted Mazda's latest Kodo (Japanese for Soul of Motion) design approach that includes an attractive but less gimmicky grille. The rest of the bodywork is equally tasty from any vantage point.

What has been stretched by six centimetres, however, is the distance between the front and rear wheels. Overall though, the sedan remains similar in total length and provides about the same trunk space, while the hatchback drops five centimetres in length, but magically gains a fair bit of stowage room, whether the rear seats are upright or folded flat.

For the driver there's a single round gauge pod and attendant control knobs and switches that are the essence of simplicity. An 18-centimetre multi-function touch-screen that's perched atop the dashboard's mid-section allows for easy scanning without taking one's eyes off the horizon. An optional heads-up display projects speed and basic directions onto the windshield, again without diverting the driver's attention away from the road. Like its Mazda6 and CX-5 brand mates, the Mazda3 benefits from the automaker's so-called SkyActiv suite of structural and powertrain enhancements. The former includes a stiffer platform as well as suspension and steering components specifically tuned for sports-car-like precision.

But the real show stoppers are the powerplants. The base engine is a 2.0-litre four-cylinder that makes 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque. Optional is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder with 184 horsepower and 185 pound-feet of torque. Both are available with six-speed manual transmissions, while six-speed automatics are optional.

The optional "i-ELOOP" capacitor charges with electricity during braking to run the 3's various components for extended periods. This means the alternator can be disengaged, thereby cutting drag on the engine. The i-ELOOP functions in the background without the driver being aware of it.

Mazda3 prices start at $17,700 for the base GX sedan that includes the usual power-operated accessories plus push-button start. The base GX Sport hatchback starts at $18,700

Both bodystyles are also available in GS and GT trim, the latter fitted with enough standard and available comfort and safety content to rival many so-called luxury vehicles. Regardless of your choice, the new Mazda3 is an impressive piece of work that will be appreciated by those who really enjoy driving something sporty, but without the space limitations that traditional sports cars impose. And we can all live with that.

Compare

1 Honda Civic
Base price: $17,700

2 Ford Focus
Base price: $17,650

2014 Mazda3

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan/hatchback
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (155); 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (184)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $17,700

Fuel Economy

Interestingly, both engines are closely matched in fuel consumption, with the nod going to the 2.0's official rating, with the automatic transmission, of 6.7 l/100 km in the city and 4.7 on the highway. The 2.5 rings up 7.5/5.4, but both numbers improve to 7.1/5.0 with the optional "i-ELOOP" capacitor.

Design

Although the car's front overhang appears more elongated, Mazda's California studio design manager Ken Saward emphatically states that isn't the case and the 3's slightly wider body (by 4.1 centimetres) and a lowered hood are largely responsible for the illusion.

Parts Department

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Backup plan

Aligning your tow vehicle's receiver to the trailer's tongue can be tricky, especially if there's no one around to act as a guide. The Swift Hitch SH02 by Toren Partners simplifies this process so that even neophytes should have no problem hooking up. The product consists of a night-vision-capable camera with a magnetic base that attaches to the trunk, liftgate or tailgate of your vehicle. The camera's image is then transmitted to a hand-held, high-resolution 6.3-centimetre colour display screen that shows you exactly when your hitch is in the correct spot. Complete product and dealer info is available at swifthitch.com. You can also purchase the product online for US $240 from amazon.com.

How to save your glass

Over time, the glass on your vehicle will become scratched, pitted and hazed. Hey, that's to be expected when it comes up against vandals, bugs, the environment and years of outdoor life. And if there's no replacement glass available you're out of luck, right? Well, Eastwood's Pro Glass Polishing Kit is a do-it-yourself system that's made to remove both minor and deep scratches from new and older cars. Each kit includes about a quarter of a kilogram of "Diamond Fast Powder", a 7.5-centimetre felt polishing pad and backing pad plus a spindle adapter that attaches both pieces to your variable-speed drill. Note that using the kit requires wearing protective gloves, eyewear and a respirator mask. The kit sells for US $50 while the Pro Glass Polishing Kit for Deep Scratches sells for US $70. Both can be obtained at eastwood.com.

Filler up?

Before investing your hard-earned cash on a "totally original" classic or muscle car, you likely want to know if any rust repair or other cover-ups might be hiding beneath the paint. At that point, The Filler Detective becomes a most useful tool. By lightly pressing the device's protective pad against any metal surface, The Filler Detective will light up and sound an alert indicating the presence of a non-original substance (such as plastic filler). It will also indicate the thickness of any foreign material that has been applied to any area of the body, which is important since even a completely restored car will often have a skim coat of filler below the paint to make the panels completely smooth. The manufacturer claims that even aluminum-based fillers can be discovered. The Filler Detective is priced at US $100 and can be purchased at fillerdetective.com.

Big time track views

If you have attended a race at the Daytona, Beach, Fla., speedway — or if it's still on your bucket list — you'll appreciate Flathead's high-definition mural-sized, full-colour photos of the venue from the company's wall graphic collection. The wide-view vinyl murals measure a full six feet by four feet, making them ideal to hang in an office, den, studio or garage. But the best part is that it can be displayed using a special "low-tac" adhesive that won't damage walls and allows for easy relocation whenever you want. Choose from five different track images as well as a view of the Darlington, S.C., track that has been added for good measure. Each mural sells for US $100 and can be acquired at fathead.com

Welcome to the land of the rising sports car price

Autopilot. Following the landmark $1.2m sale of a Japanese model the cost of them will now only shoot upward

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Not that long ago the only Japanese car you'd likely see at an upper-crusty classic car gathering was maybe the 2001 Camry station wagon belonging to the caterer. Now, vintage Japanese sports cars are suddenly highly sought after and hot.

This spring, at a RM Auctions in Texas, a 1967 Toyota 2000GT traded hands for $1,155,000 — the highest price ever paid at auction for a Japanese production car.

That result definitely got the notice of the collector car market, says RM Auctions' Don Rose, who specializes in Aston Martin and other European sports and GT cars produced between 1945 and 1985, but he is also deeply interested in the potential of Japanese machinery.

"I think it's an important part of the collector market," says Rose.

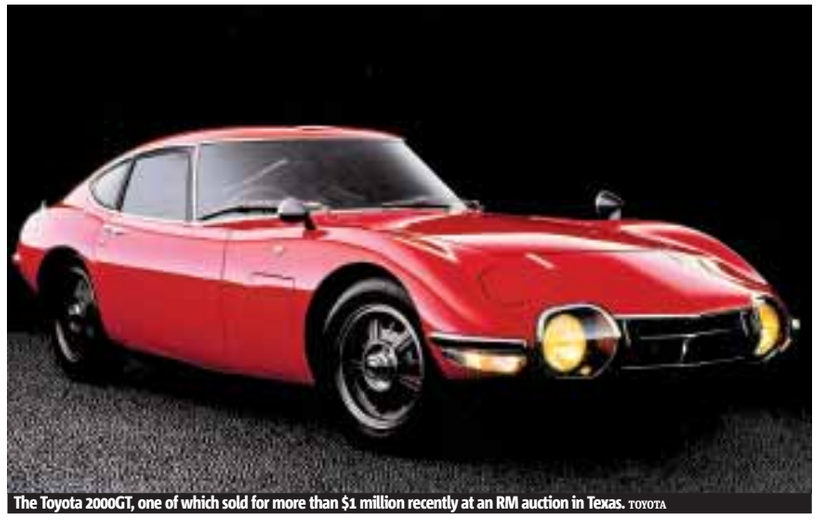
He notes that while many in the collector car market harboured a stigma about Japanese vintage vehicles, he was never among them. "I am very bullish on the future of these Japanese cars."

After the 1967 Toyota 2000GT, of which only 351 were made, the most sought after Japanese collectible is the 1967 to 1968 Mazda Cosmo Sport, the world's first sports car powered by a rotary engine. It just so happens, Rose owns an example of both the 2000GT and the Cosmo Sport. The Mazda was never imported to North America. He figures there might only be 10 or so currently in North America. Mazda Canada has one, and so does Jay Leno.

Top Japanese Collectibles

- **1)** 1967 Toyota 2000GT $1M (more or less)
- **2)** 1967-68 Mazda Cosmo Sport $75,000 to $125,000
- **3)** 1969-73 & 1989-2002 Nissan Skyline GT-R $25,000 to $125,000
- **4)** 1991-2005 Acura NSX $30,000 to $50,000
- **5)** 1970-1973 Datsun 240Z $15,000 to $50,000

*Approximate value in American dollars for best-condition vehicles



The Toyota 2000GT, one of which sold for more than $1 million recently at an RM auction in Texas. TOYOTA

"Beyond those two, you sort of pull yourself into another generation of vehicles," says Rose. Spearheading the generation is the Nissan Skyline GT-R (1969-73, 1989-2002), made famous by film and video game appearances, drifting fame and being the subject of all-out lust by youngsters who had posters of the GT-R on their bedroom walls when they were growing up.

A Skyline GT-R is a perfect example of a "JDM vehicle," one built (virtually) exclusively for the Japanese Domestic Market.

"There are a whole lot of hot-rod JDM cars out there that are very interesting," says Rose.

"(They are) well engineered, quick, fun to drive, and well made."

But the trick might be getting your hands on a prized JDM vehicle. "The Japanese tend to hold them very closely," says Rose. "It's almost like not wanting local treasures to go abroad."

The collecting of "JDM vehicles" is in a nascent stage here in North America, reckons Rose. It certainly hasn't reached the "RM Auctions level," which revolves around top-rank collectible vehicles. But he figures it could reach that prime level in five years or so, citing the generation X demographic at play here.

"It's the guys who might be 35 to 40 now, and reaching a point in their careers where they might have some spare change to buy these cars — cars they coveted when they were kids."

Isn't that just the way it always happens? Kid puts poster of car on wall, man he becomes buys the car on the poster in mid-life after he finally got some bucks to throw around. There must be a better way.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may be suspicious of someone's motives but don't go public about them just yet. There is a chance you are jumping at shadows. Do some checking before your talk.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You will have a change of heart about someone you have not seen eye-to-eye with in recent weeks. Whatever your initial disagreement, it is clear the feud has gone on too long. Let bygones be bygones.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You need to get the balance right between the time you spend working and having fun. The Sun's change of signs today warns you may have to focus more on work for a while .

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
One of the best times of the year begins for you today and you are eager to get started. But don't throw yourself into something new without thinking about it. What is it you are most creative at? Do that.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There may be some animosity between you and someone you have to deal with on a day-to-day basis but don't let it get out of hand. Remember that in the greater scheme of things, we all have a role to play.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Keep your ideas to yourself for a few days. If your rivals get an inkling of what you're planning, they may try to beat you to it. You don't want to have to start before you're ready.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Try not to be offended if someone tells you how to run your life today. They only want to be helpful, even though as far as you are concerned they clearly don't know what they are talking about. Play nice.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What's done is done and cannot be undone, so put what happened yesterday and the day before out of your mind. The Sun moves into your sign today, making this the perfect time to begin anew.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your main priority now must be to clear all the junk from your life. There's far too much of it. If it's not essential, get rid of it. The less you possess, the more you will accomplish.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do you care what others think about you? You probably care too much and it's time to put their opinions out of your head and do only what pleases you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The Sun crosses the career angle of your chart today, so it won't be long before you are moving up in the world. First though there are tough decisions to be made. Who and what do you really want to be?

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Planets indicate you're thinking of moving away from where you are now, maybe physically or mentally but certainly emotionally. The more you accept change, the more you'll be rewarded. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
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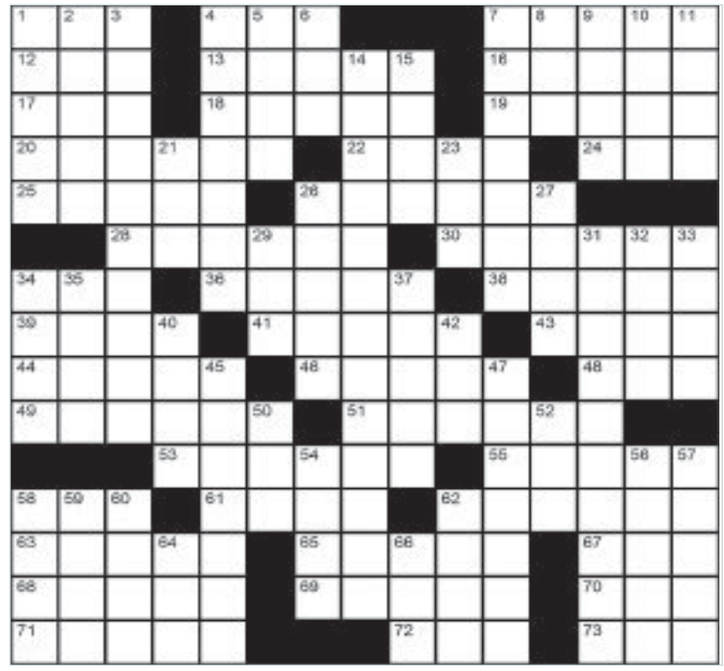
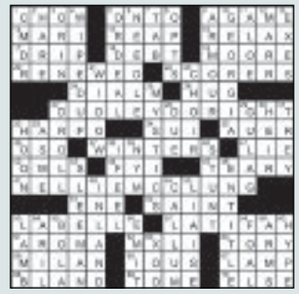


Across
1. One __ _ time
4. Sea, in Sherbrooke
7. Was concerned
12. Void, in Montreal
13. Putting into service
16. Lecture from the podium
17. Caesar's 551
18. Sewing kit item
19. Take the top off
20. Elegant touch
22. Soup morsel
24. East: French
25. Ben Heppner's music
26. Pinnacle
28. Fireplace feature
30. Fancily attired
34. Type of antelope
36. Kind of roof
38. Boorish being in Jonathan Swift's novel Gulliver's Travels
39. Geological periods
41. Holy __
43. Yearn
44. Mountain lakes
46. Accountant's review
48. Rug of Scandinavia
49. Drove off the housefly
51. Sizzling
53. Scribe
55. Salts sort
58. SNL part, for short
61. Concept
62. Enchanted attraction
63. Oscar Peterson's instrument
65. Commence
67. Rock-__ (Classic jukebox company)
68. "Bon voyage!"
69. Luciano Pavarotti
70. "The Adventures of __ Tin Tin" ('50s TV series)
71. Is cheese, does this when heated
72. High card
73. Bryan Adams song: "The Best Was __ to Come"

Down
1. "Well... yes __ __."
(Indecisive response)
2. Autumn-planted bulb
3. Canadian author born in Wingham, ON: 2 wds. (See #14-Down and #31-Down for more)
4. Ford sports car
5. Spot
6. Copacabana city
7. Shania Twain's music
8. Prince Valiant's son
9. Sprint
10. Flight schedule acronyms
11. Grocery area, for short
14. Swedish-given international honouree's title since 1901: 2 wds.
15. Hidden valley
21. Cenozoic, for one
23. Assistance
26. Something striped
27. Mend
29. Price-putting place
31. Literary work: 2 wds.
32. Big name in TVs
33. __ mat
34. Acquires
35. Old Testament sailor
37. Downy duck
40. Fairytaledom's Miss White
42. Pickle jar topper
45. Really not joking
47. Play-putting-on place
50. Fared
52. Ancient Roman harvest goddess
54. See if it works
56. "Kukla, Fran and __" (Classic puppet TV show)
57. Stood for something
58. Canned meat
59. Military assistant, __-de-camp
60. Pin the __ on the Donkey
62. Alligator-looking creature, commonly
64. Goalkeeper's guardee
66. Anecdotal collection (abbvr.)

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

7				3			5	4
2	4		7				9	
		5	4		1	7		
		7		6		9	8	
5			3		9			1
	6	9		1		2		
		3	6		5	8		
	5				3		7	9
6	9			2				3

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	6	4	8	1	3	9	5
1	9	5	2	7	3	8	6	4
8	4	3	5	6	9	1	2	7
9	5	1	8	3	2	7	4	6
3	6	8	7	4	5	9	1	2
2	7	4	9	1	6	5	3	8
5	3	7	1	2	4	6	8	9
8	8	2	3	9	7	4	5	1
4	1	9	6	5	8	2	7	3

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